

All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring an adult.

Facilities:

State Park Nature Center

9:30am-4:30pm Sun-Fri

9:30am-6pm Saturday

Main Park Office

8:30am-4pm Daily

Swimming Beach Hours

11am-6pm Daily



Program support comes from the Friends of Indiana Dunes.

Learn more at

www.friendofindiandunes.org.



Camping and shelter reservations can be made at www.camp.in.gov.



Celebrating 100 years of making memories naturally!

Indiana Dunes State Park

July 25-August 21/www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Daily Guided Hikes and Talks

Monday

10:00am/ Wetland Wander. The dunes are more than just sand. Explore the amazing wetland life on this 1 hour stroll meeting at the Nature Center.

3:00pm/ Just a Few Furs! Learn about the variety of dunes critters during this interactive 45-minutes at the Nature Center.

Tuesday

10:00am/ Busy Beaver Walk. Join us for a short walk in search of signs of our most busy rodent!

Meet at the Campground Gate. Prepare for off-trail walking.

3:00pm/ Dunes Through Four Seasons. Come explore the dunes in all of her beauty during this naturalist slide show tour at the Nature Center.



Wednesday

10:00am/ Beach House Blowout Bound. Join the naturalist for this one hour moderate hike to the spectacular view from the Beach House Blowout. Meet at the Nature Center.

3:00pm/ Scales and Tales! Check out the park's native reptiles and amphibians live at the Nature Center. Total time about 45 minutes.



Thursday

10:00am/ Dunes Creek Crossing. Meet at the Campground Gate for an exploration of our unique Dunes Creek. Possible creek wading possible. Total time about one hour.

3:00pm/ Who Pooped In the Park!? Win prizes for knowing your scat during this fun 45-minutes at the Nature Center. No turds allowed!

Friday

10:00am/ High Dunes Hiking. Strap on your hiking shoes for this 1 hour summit to the state's highest sand dune. Meet at the Campground Shelter by site 113.

3:00pm/ Nature Crafts. Come to the Nature Center for an hour of nature craft fun. What will we be making today!?

8:00pm/ Evening Campground Fun. From raccoons to coyotes, nature crafts to story time, join us for a fun program every Friday night at the Campground Shelter, by site 113.

Beach Yoga in the Dunes 2016!



The Duneland and Valparaiso YMCA have partnered with the Indiana Dunes State Park in 2016 to offer beach yoga on the state park main beach, by the pavilion. The cost is \$10 per session, and 5 class passes are also available for \$40. For more information or to register, call (219) 462-4185, visit valpoymca.org, or just show up. Classes are cancelled in inclement weather.

Session Dates and Times are:

Tuesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Thursday (sunset yoga) 7pm

Friday 9am

Sunday 9am



More than S'mores!

Celebrate National S'more's Day with the Indiana Dunes State Park on **Friday, August 12**. Meet at the **Wilson Shelter at 7pm** for s'more's trivia, s'more's crafts, and a chance to sample from the many s'mores variations we'll have on hand! Don't be late!

Saturday July 30

10am Woodland Wander. Take an easy stroll to see what's going on in the dune woodlands this morning. Meet at the Nature Center for this 45-minute walk. GT

3pm Compass Skills! Forget the GPS, try your hand at old fashioned navigating with Greg this afternoon. We'll test your compass skills with a chance to win some prizes! Meet at the Nature Center. Bring the entire family! GT

4:30pm 100th Anniversary of State Parks! Explore 100 years of Indiana State Park history, from the first state park to what's being done today in this 45-minute PBS documentary in the Nature Center Auditorium.

Sunday July 31

8:30am Informal Church Service at the Campground Shelter.

10am Sassafras Saunter. Enjoy a fresh air stroll through the dunes forest this morning. We'll explore our popular sassafras tree along the way. Grab the family and join us. GT

3pm Dune Critters! Visit the Nature Center to learn more about our amazing diversity of dune mammals. From coyotes to raccoons, we'll discuss it all in this interactive 45 minutes at the Nature Center. GT

Saturday August 6

10am Run Down Mt. Tom! Trek to Mt Tom this morning, then enjoy the long run down towards the beach. We'll then take Trail 7 back. Meet at Campground Shelter, by site 113. BB

3pm Turtle Time! Scoot your shell over to the Nature Center for a fun look at the turtles that reside in the dunes. Great program for the kids! GT



4pm South Shore Brass Band Concert. Visit the City West Shelter lawn for a special free concert. The concert will feature music from John Williams, Elton John, and The Beatles among others. An Arts in the Park funded program.

8pm Campground Snakes! Slither to the Campground Shelter (by site 113) for a fun look at the snakes of Indiana Dunes. We'll have a few for you to see as well. Great program, especially if you're uncomfortable around these reptiles. MC

Sunday August 7

8:30am Informal Church Service at the Campground Shelter.

10am Feed the Birds Trek to Mt Tom this morning, then enjoy the long run down towards the beach. We'll then take Trail 7 back. Meet at Campground Shelter, by site 113. GT

2pm An Incredible Journey! Become a droplet of water this afternoon at the Nature Center. Afterwards make a free necklace or bracelet to remember your adventure. MC

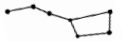
3pm German Alphorn Concert Join the Ein Prosit German Band for a unique alpine horn concert at the City West Shelter lawn. Afterwards, try your hand at playing these 15 foot long wooden instruments.

Saturday August 13

9am Hummingbird Banding Demonstrations! Join us at the Nature Center as special hummingbird bander, Allen Chartier, joins us to study the tiny winged jewels of the dunes. Learn about the Ruby-throated Hummingbird and see them up close this morning!

1pm One Hummer of a Bird! Visit the (air-conditioned) Nature Center this afternoon for more hummingbird fun! We'll have hummingbird expert, Allen Chartier, back to discuss attracting and feeding hummers, as well as his current research, followed by a short tour to see a recent nest.

8:30pm-Dawn 10th Annual Perseid Meteor Stargaze and Snoring on the Sand! Join us for our annual shooting star event! Up to 50-100 shooting stars an hour can be seen. We'll have special constellation talks and deep sky viewing through the park telescope going on throughout the evening. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us at the Beach Pavilion. If you fall asleep on the beach tonight... that's alright with us! *Note: no tents allowed, all beach camping is under the stars only and must be within the main swimming beach.*



Sunday August 14

8:30am Informal Church Service at the Campground Shelter.

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Great fun for the kids. GT

3pm Naturalist Beach Break! Watch for the naturalist by the beach pavilion this afternoon. What special things will he or she have!? MC

Saturday August 20

10am Showdown at the Trail 9 cutoff! Join Cookie at the Nature Center as we begin a saunter down trail 9 to the cut-off. Will we take the cutoff and come back on 10 or will we go up to the Beach House Blowout? You must be present to vote...! Join us. CF

3pm A Park for Critters Big and Small. The Indiana Dunes is home to more plants and animals than any park in Indiana. Come learn why and meet some of these animals! Bring the family and join us in the Nature Center auditorium. CF

Sunday August 21

8:30am Informal Church Service at the Campground Shelter.

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Great fun for the kids. BB

3pm Shipwreck Stories. Throw anchor in our Nature Center auditorium for an interactive look at the death and tragedy that lies beneath our waves on Lake Michigan. Total time about 45-minutes. A good program for the history buffs. BB

